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Ohnuma et al.

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**AMENDMENT**

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Dear Madam:

In response to the Office Action dated September 23, 2008, finally rejecting claims 1-17, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows: